

ABILENE REFLECTOR.

Thursday, July 15, 1886.

High license in Illinois, according to the last reports, have increased the revenue of the state from the indirect tax on liquors from \$700,000 to over \$4,500,000; has reduced the number of saloons from 18,000, to less than 9,000, and in a large number of small towns has banished liquor saloons entirely. In the city of Chicago alone the revenue from license has been increased from \$200,000 to \$1,500,000, with 600 less licensed saloons.

A passenger train on the Michigan Central Road came to a sudden stop and unexpected stop not long ago. Engine disabled. Passengers get off and watch the futile efforts of the engineer to discover the cause of the trouble. Quiet man among the passengers asks engineer to loan him his overalls. Engineer a little astonished at the request, but complies. Quiet man puts them on, crawls under the engine, and, flat on his back, hammers and tinkers for a while, then he crawls out. Engine moves off all right. Name of quiet man, Grand Master Workman Powderly of the Knights of Labor.—*Texas Sittings.*

There are numbers of towns in Vermont where no democratic vote was ever cast. Lincoln belonged for years to this class. But one year, as they were counting the vote, the old citizens who had control of the ballot box were amazed and horrified to discover in it a Democratic vote for governor. There was a hasty consultation among the judges, who were all staid and conservative men. Then one of them rose up solemnly, and holding the ballot to sight, said impressively: "We have found in the box a ballot for the Democratic candidate for governor. Did any one cast it?" There was no answer. "We thought it was a mistake," said the judge, and he threw it on the floor.

Just forty years the 19th of June, 1846, was played the first match game of base ball. It occurred in Hoboken, N. J., though both the contesting clubs belonged in New York. This original match game consisted of only four innings, the rule then being that the club first making twenty-one runs in even innings should be the victor. The rules did not provide for the calling of either balls or strikes, and hence, if a player reached his first base in safety, his successor at the bat would stand idly at the home-plate watching the pitcher and catcher as they tossed the ball back and forth, and waiting for the latter to let a ball go past him, and so enable the base-runner to reach second, then third, and then home. He never made any attempt to strike the ball until the run had been scored.

No Wane to the Honeymoon.

In the evening, after Col. Lamont and his clerks have gone, Mrs. Cleveland takes a book and sits opposite to her husband at his historic desk, presented to the White House by Queen Victoria. It was formerly a part of the Arctic relief vessel Resolution, which went in search of Sir John Franklin. Papers are piled in a seemingly confused mass all over the top of the desk and hide the leather cover, but they are kept in place by cunningly wrought paper-weights of every conceivable shape and pattern. In writing the President uses a steel pen and redwood penholder and he puts his signature to a document after mature deliberation. Yesterday the President mailed over his wife's boudoir door a silver horse-shoe sent to him by a blacksmith at Allen town, Pa.

Her great care just now is her Dutch poodle dog Hector, who thinks that, having been licensed by the District authorities tag No. 40, he should be present at all receptions, and if tied up down stairs somehow manages to get loose and go in search of his mistress. He is said to perform many tricks when told to do so in French, but unfortunately he cannot understand English. Mrs. Cleveland is endeavoring to give him some lessons, but he is not an apt scholar.

Powderly as a Digger.

"I shall never forget an incident which happened a few weeks ago at Scranton. I am having a new residence built and when not otherwise occupied have been exercising myself with a shovel and pick digging a trench around the building. One evening while so engaged I noticed a strange young man, with an inquisitive look on his face and a grip sack in his hand, skimming around the premises as though looking for some one he was unable to find. He soon departed, however, and I thought no more of the affair until I reached home, when a member of the family laughingly enquired if I had seen any one while at work. Further information developed the fact that the young man with the grip-sack was a reporter who had been sent by my wife to the new building in quest of me. He had returned to the house shortly after with the information that I could not be found. He was then asked if he had not seen a man there engaged in digging. He said: 'Yes I saw an old bald-headed fellow digging a ditch, but couldn't find Powderly any where.' I think he is about the only reporter who ever set out to see me and failed to do so."—*Philadelphia Times.*

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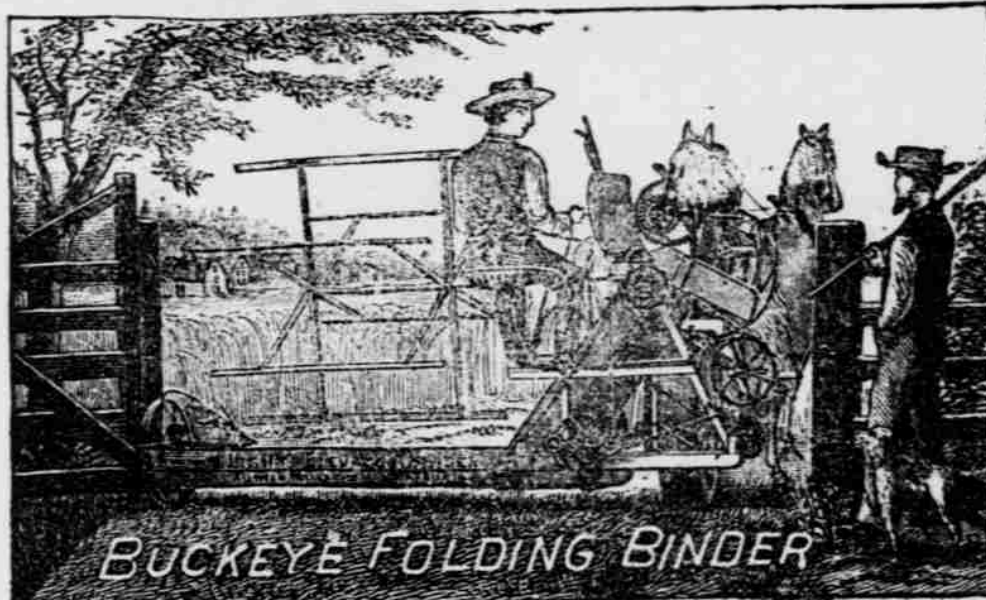
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